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SUBJ: NORTHERN CROSSING POINT

REFS: A) USBERLIN 1561; B) USBERLIN 1424

1. SUMMARY: SENAT AND FRG BELIEVE IT STILL POSSIBLE TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH GDR ON ACQUISITION OF "DUCKBILL" (GDR PROTRUSION INTO WEST BERLIN). THIS BEST MEANS OF ALLEVIATING TRAFFIC PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD RESULT FROM NORTHERN CROSSING POINT IN FROHNAU. ALTERNATIVELY, SENAT CONSIDERING CONSTRUCTION ROADWAY ON UNUSED S-BAHN LINE NORTH OF FROHNAU. THIS COULD LEAD TO PROBLEMS WITH REICHSBAHN. END SUMMARY.

2. FED AFFAIRS SENATOR STOBBE AND FRG PERM REP GAUS MET JULY 30 IN RATHAUS SCHOENEBOURG TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF NORTHERN CROSSING POINT TALKS WITH GDR. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THERE STILL WAS POSSIBILITY EAST GERMANS WOULD AGREE TO SELL GDR "DUCKBILL"  
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PROTRUSION. ACCORDING TO TAGESSPIEGEL REPORT STOBBE

AND GAUS FELT THAT SINCE GDR WAS DEMANDING THAT SENAT PAY FOR ALL BORDER CROSSING CONSTRUCTION COSTS, EVEN THOUGH SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS POSSIBLE SINCE GDR HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FURTHER CASH DEALS. TAGESSPIEGEL ALSO REPORTED SENAT WAS CONSIDERING BUILDING ACCESS ROAD TO NORTHERN CROSSING POINT OVER UNUSED S-BAHN LINES WHICH RUN NORTH FROM FROHNAU ALONG BORDER. PAPER SPECULATED THAT JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEMS WITH REICHSBAHN COULD ARISE SHOULD SENAT TRY TO PURSUE THIS PLAN.

3. BRITISH SENAT LIAISON OFFICER WAS INFORMED BY STOBBE ON AUGUST 2 THAT PURPOSE OF JULY 30 MEETING WITH GAUS HAD BEEN TO BRING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIVELY INTO ACT. STOBBE STATED THAT CHANCELLOR AND FEDERAL FINANCE MINISTER HAD BEEN CONSULTED AND THOUGHT THAT IF "DUCKBILL" PROBLEM COULD BE SOLVED, MONEY FOR THE PROJECT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A SHARED COST BASIS. STOBBE SUGGESTED THAT IF EAST GERMANS WERE NOT PREPARED TO COOPERATE OVER "DUCKBILL" SENAT WOULD HAVE TO BE TOUGHER OVER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS;, WHICH HAD NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN DECEMBER 19 PACKAGE. IF SENAT OPTED TO BUILD ACCESS ROAD ON NON-OPERATING REICHSBAHN PROPERTY ESTIMATED 20 DM MILLION COST WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN CALCULATING PAYMENTS TO EAST GERMANS. FINALLY STOBBE MENTIONED THAT GAUS WOULD BE PUTTING NORTHERN CROSSING POINT IN WIDER POLITICAL CONTEXT OF BOUNDARY QUESTIONS, THERE BEING ENCOURAGING INDICATIONS EAST GERMANS WANTED TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING IN THIS SPHERE. GEORGE

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